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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 16th day of September, 2016, at 2:15 o’clock p.m. there came on and was held in the City of Rocksprings, Edwards County, Texas, at the Edwards County Courthouse therein, a Special Open Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Edwards County, Texas. The Agenda for this Special Open Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Edwards County, Texas was posted on September 13, 2016 at 2:15 o’clock p.m.

Present were:

Honorable William Epperson, Commissioner of Precinct One, was absent

Honorable Lee Sweeten, Commissioner of Precinct Two

Honorable Matt Fry, Commissioner of Precinct Three

Honorable Andrew Barnebey, Commissioner of Precinct Four

Honorable Souli Asa Shanklin, County Judge

Honorable Olga Lydia Reyes, County and District Clerk, was absent

Sabrina Montoya, Chief Deputy Clerk

1. **Determination of quorum; Call to Order.** The Open Meeting was called to order at 2:16 p.m. by Judge Shanklin. The roll was then called by Chief Deputy Clerk Montoya. All Commissioners, with the exception of Commissioners Epperson were present.

2. **Open Forum for public comment.** Judge Shanklin opened the floor for public comment. There were no participants in the open forum.

3. **Public Hearing for Proposed Tax Rate 2016-2017.** Commissioner Barnebey stated that he knows that the tax rate is not changing, but he saw the ad in the newspaper which stated that there was going to be an increase. Shanklin stated that the effective tax rate has a slight increase from 0.54% to 0.55% but the numbers will essentially stay the same as last year. Commissioner Fry stated that the wording on the newspaper ad made it seem as if all the Court was doing was raising taxes. Shanklin stated that the tax rate for last year is the one we go by for this year to raise the same amount of money, however, there is an increase in revenue. Some tax payers will even see a decline in their taxes. It is a complex matter. There were no public comments regarding the proposed tax rate for 2016-2017.

4. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Sweeten made the motion to adjourn this Special Open Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Edwards County, Texas. Commissioner Barnebey seconded this motion. No Commissioner noting any opposition, this Special Open Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Edwards County, Texas was adjourned at 2:29 o’clock p.m.

APPROVED:

SOULI ASA SHANKLIN

Edwards County Judge

Attest:

OLGA LYDIA REYES

Edwards County and District Clerk

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